Memories are something that everyone carries with them throughout their lives. They help form who we are. (I like the sentence variation in the first two sentences. Long sentence, then short sentence, it makes the reader stop.)What if your ability to remember things was taken away without notice? What if you couldn’t remember what you did last week or even just an hour ago? (Your questions build up the severity of Alzheimer’s. I think it adds suspense, which is good because it draws you in.) Being diagnosed with Alzheimer’s means losing the ability to remember any memories. Everything that made you who you are is taken away and there is no way to stop or prevent it. (I like how you mixed short and long sentences and added rhetorical questions. Just a lot of variation in how you present your sentences, that’s always good.)

Memories are important in everyday life; they allow you to remember important life events. They are something you can’t control. You can’t control remembering the important things that impact your life. For some, memories are like movies that you can replay in your head; some good and some bad. Without them, childhood would be something that never existed, what you did yesterday wouldn't matter because you wouldn't remember. With Alzheimer's every day is a struggle, pretending to remember things when you don't even know who you are. (Yes, good job, connects back to Alzheimer’s.) Imagine not knowing who you are, not knowing your own name, where you are, not being able to remember anything from the past. This is what living with Alzheimer’s is like. Remembering the past is something nobody would want taken away from them, but for some there’s no way to stop it from happening. (Good examples on how Alzheimer’s impacts your life.)

Memories aren’t only things remembered from the past,(It sounds weird to refer to memories as “things.” I can’t think of a better word, but it’s just something I noticed.) but it is what helps you remember faces, names, and places. Some don’t realize memories are used every second of every day. They are what allow you to be able to speak. (Expand on this more, how do they allow you to speak? If it’s related to motor skills, how does this tie back to Alzheimer’s?)Without any memories, you wouldn't be able to remember what to say or even any words that describe your feelings. Memories are stronger than you think; they have the power to recall past events of your life that you never want to forget or for some you didn't want to remember.

Alzheimer’s is the definition of the loss of memories. (I like this sentence, you are stating why defining memories is just as important as defining Alzheimer’s. They come together.) Many don’t think about what their life would be like without memories; what would life be like if everything you ever remembered was taken away and you could never get it back.(You seem to use semi-colons well, this is a great sentence because it makes you pause and understand why it matters.) Some take memories for granted. Memories need to be cherished because without out them, life would be a different story with a different ending. (Nice, clever ending.)

Rylee, I loved how much you varied your sentence length throughout the piece. It makes the reader pause between sentences. I also thought you did a better job of connecting memories and Alzheimer’s and why they go together. You explain memories and you explain Alzheimer’s and then say it is “the definition of the loss of memories.” In your third paragraph you say that memories impacts how you speak. I would like to read more about this or how you are explaining that connection. I explained in the piece why I liked your introduction and conclusion paragraphs. They tie-in the piece nicely. I’ll see you Monday!

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